

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Master Painters
Artists: Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan
Venue: Art Gallery, National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: October 8- November 6
Time: 10am-8pm



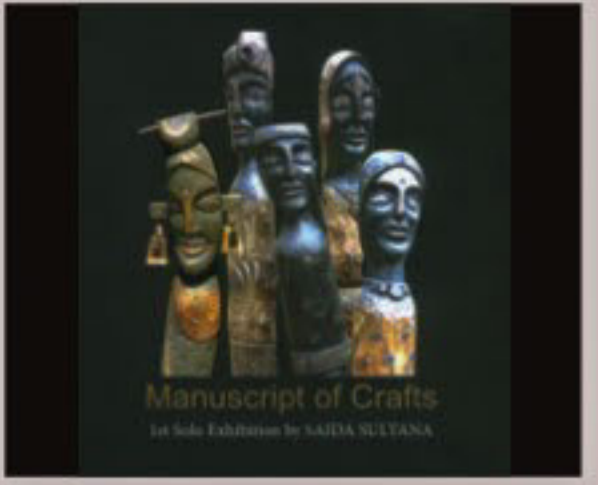
14th Asian Art Biennale 2010
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Art Gallery (BSA) and Osmani Memorial Hall
Date: October 8- November 6
Time: 11am-7pm



Theatre
Play: Shikhandi Kotha
Troupe: Mahakal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Time: October 22
Time: 7pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Manuscript of Crafts
Artist: Saida Sultana
Venue: Zainul Gallery-2
Date: October 14-22
Time: 10am-8pm



To boost demand

Handloom and handicrafts fair held

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A month long handloom and handicrafts fair began at the premises of District Mohila Kriya Sangstha on October 17 evening.

Eighty four stalls adorned with an array of clothes were set up at the fair. The District Sports Association (DSA) organised the fair under the management of Gano Chetana, an association of handloom and handicraft products businessmen in Dhaka.

Handloom and handicraft venture owners and businessmen from Dhaka, Narayanganj, Narsingdi, Jamalpur, Tangail and Jessore had set up stalls at the fair to give a much needed boost to their bottom lines.

Abdul Kader, president of Gano Chetana and proprietor of A.K Silk Products from Banarasi Palli in Mirpur of Dhaka, told this correspondent that it was the company's maiden business trip to Mymensingh as part its countrywide tour.

"In recent years, the demand for handloom and handicraft products has increased manifold. This encouraged us to wait for better days for the industry.

"Our high quality products are in great demand in many countries, including India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Dubai, Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom," said Kader.

Saris with various designs and colours like banarasi silk, buti banarasi, katan, phulkali, kanjivarom,



The opening day witnessed a rush of visitors.

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baluchuri and jamdani are on display at the fair to draw women of different age groups, Kader added. "If the price of raw materials like thread and colour is controlled by the government, this sector has the opportunity to earn considerable foreign exchange, emerging as highly profitable industry," asserted Kader.

Mohammad Anis, proprietor of Apon Textile from Narsingdi, said that they hoped for better sales in greater Mymensingh which is famous for its handloom and handicraft products.

Jahangir Madbar, proprietor of Madbar Collection from Mirpur in Dhaka, said that a variety of attire with innovative designs will attract visitors and give a boost to sales.

"On the opening day, the rush of visitors was reasonable and it will increase everyday," said a hopeful Mohammad Akhtar Munshi, proprietor of Akhtar Jamdani from Narayanganj.

Housewife Sharmin Sultana Snighdha, who visited the fair on the opening day told this correspondent,

"We should revive the demand for traditional clothes to save the livelihoods of thousands of people involved in this profession and to preserve the country's tradition."

Another visitor Gul-e-Ferdousi Asha from Sherpur said that the collection was good and the price is reasonable.

Shirin Akhtar Sumi, a housewife from the town said that as the demand for handloom and handicraft products was increasing, more variation was needed in this sector to draw the attention of the younger generation.

A discussion was held marking the opening ceremony. Principal Motiur Rahman, MP addressed the ceremony as chief guest.

Among others, Police Superintendent of Mymensingh, Khandaker Golam Faruq; Additional Deputy Commissioner Kazi Ashraf Uddin and DSA secretary Professor Amir Ahmed Chowdhury Ratan spoke on the occasion with Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Lokman Hossain Miah in the chair.

Jahangir Madbar, secretary of Gano Chetana conducted the inaugural session.

The speakers said that handloom and handicraft products are in great demand today, as evidenced by hundreds of shops stocked with such products in many parts of the capital. To give a boost to the country's economy, they concluded, it was necessary to promote such products.

Later, the chief guest inaugurated the fair.

A career on the roll

Face to face with Humayun Ahmed

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Although Eid-ul-Adha is a month away, prominent directors are already on the roll making Eid dramas for television. Acclaimed director Humayun Ahmed is currently working on "Turuper Taash", his own Eid production, the shooting for which is underway at Nuhash Polli. The drama will feature Dr MA Karim, Alamgir, Abdullah Rana, Faruk Ahmed, Queen Rahman, Masud Akhand and Pran Roy. Humayun Ahmed says the drama is a rib tickling comedy sure to go down well with the audience.

In the drama, Abdullah Rana plays a man living in a large house with his daughter Queen Rahman. Alamgir plays the guard, while Pran Roy is the manager who constantly hands out advice. Masud Akhand arrives at the house, playing the role of a youth fond of performing magic and who conceals his American study experience. A madman who is afraid of spitting also turns up at the house at times looking for food.

This will be Pran Roy's first appearance in a Humayun Ahmed play and he terms his experience as "fantastic". Abdullah Rana expressed his nervousness about working under the renowned director. Dr MA Karim is a childhood friend of Humayun Ahmed from their days at Bogra Zilla School. After performing in Humayun Ahmed's previous works like "Nokkhotrer Raat" his appearance in the director's drama comes after a long hiatus.

Asked how many TV plays he will make this Eid, Humayun Ahmed says only time will tell.

Meanwhile the director is planning to resume work on "Jochhna o Jononir Golpo" soon, having abandoned the project after only three episodes, in protest of the demolition of Lalon's statue in front of the airport. Humayun said he will begin work on the drama as soon as shooting for his latest movie "Ghetu Putro Komola" is done. After two rounds of delays the film's shooting resumes on October 25 at Nuhash Palli, Sunamganj and Brahmanbaria.



Humayun Ahmed (R) directs a rib-tickling comedy.

Rural artisans report brisk business

Durga Puja ends

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Durga Puja, the biggest festival of the Hindu community, offered good business opportunities for shopkeepers in the district, who were able to sell their attractive artworks and culinary items which normally remain on the shop shelves due to a slack market.

Rural denizens form the adjoining districts flocked to the temporary kiosks set up in areas surrounding Durga temples in the district. The roadside shops, which were in great demand, sold various items ranging from clothes, shoes to toys.

Rural artisans did brisk business. Akramul Haq, who had put a stall selling toys near Ray-Shabbari Durga Temple in Dinajpur, said: "We have many toys made of plastic and clay, Chinese toys have

created a revolution in the toy industry." Some businessmen said that this season, business was dull compared to the previous year due to incessant rain.

Apart from toys and food items, people coming from adjoining parts of the district also purchased shoes and clothes.

Rakibul Islam, owner of a shoe store at Rajbari Durga Temple was more upbeat. "This puja season we put up a shoe stall; local and foreign shoes manufactured both in the country or in China were in great demand. The shoes, akin to branded ones, were also great bargains."

This year around 1016 Durga pujas were held in the district.

"More than 100 to 150 stalls were set up near every puja pandal of the district," said Professor Parimal Chakrabarti Tapan general secretary of Dinajpur Durga Puja Ujjayan Committee.



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Nazrul sangeet album "Geet Sheshey Bina" launched at Chhayanaut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nazrul singer and a teacher of Chhayanaut Bana Rani Halder's first solo album "Geet Sheshey Bina" was launched on October 17 at Chhayanaut Shangskriti Bhaban. The album features 12 different Nazrul numbers including "Eki Oporup Rupey Ma Tomay," "Ore Neel Jamunar Jol," "Mora Aar Janomey," "Tora Dekhey Ja Amina" and "Bakul Chapar Boney Ke Mor." Noted Nazrul artiste Sujeyo Shyam directed music for the album.

President of Chhayanaut Dr. Sanjida Khatun, Nazrul exponent and Vice Chancellor of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh Dr. Rafiqul Islam and noted Nazrul artiste and a

Chhayanaut teacher Suman Chowdhury were present at the launching ceremony.

"During his stay in Bangladesh, renowned West Bengal Nazrul singer Direndra Chandra Mitra would shower accolades on Bana's rendition while she received tutelage from him," said Sanjida Khatun.

Bana, a banker by profession, first took musical lesson from her father. Aside from completing a certificate course from Chhayanaut, Bana look further lessons from Shatis Babu, Anjali Roy, Sohrab Hossain, Sudhin Das, Nilufar Yasmin, Suman Chowdhury and Khairul Anam Shakil.

Agniveena-G Series has produced the album.



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

ATN BANGLA	ntv
01:25 ATN Music	04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar
03:45 Children's Programme	Achhey
04:25 Sonali Din	05:30 Aajker Jiggasha
05:20 Obiraam Bangladesh	06:10 Shubho Shondha
10:45 Bihongo Katha	06:45 Frankly Speaking
12:30 Gramephone Lead News	09:00 Glamour World
CHANNEL i	11:30 Oronyer Shukh Dukh
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	ETV
01:30 Hridoyer Gaan	04:30 Elating Belating
04:05 Muktijuddha Protidin	05:30 Binodon-er Bishwa
07:50 Channel i Shera Kantho 2010	06:30 Desh Jurey Shanglap
12:00 Gramephone Ajker Shangbadpotro	07:50 Tagore Song: Tomar-i Naam Bolbo
	11:45 Janotar Katha

Rtv	10:45 Bashudha Tarokalap
	12:05 Bashudha Protidiner Gaan
	02:30 Bangla Feature Film
	06:00 Shustha Thakun Protidin
	11:45 Very Filmy
DESH TV	04:30 Bazarey Notun
	05:30 Durpaath
	07:45 Binodon Dunia
	10:30 Mega Serial: Bhojokot
	12:30 Total Sports
BANGLAVISION	03:30 Cinebit Shadakalo
	04:05 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
	05:20 Moner Kotha
	06:30 Style File
	11:30 Good Night Raat Biratey
	12:30 Bashudha Cinemar Gaan
ATN NEWS	11:30 Sports Insight
	02:15 Amader Katha
	05:15 Pramanno Shomoy
	07:30 Saat Rang (Live)

08:30 Ekdin Protidin
Boishakhi TV
03:20 Taika
04:15 Shorashori Doctor
05:15 Boishakhi CNN Sharabishwa
05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan
08:00 Documentary: Jibonrekha
11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon
Diganta TV
11:30 Chitro Bichitro
12:30 Score Cards
03:30 Shahityalop
05:30 Shur Shurobhi
06:05 Dosh Diganta
08:05 Lime Light
HBO
10:00 Death Race
12:30 Grease 2
02:30 Cradle 2 The Grave
04:30 Scooby Doo : The Mystery Begins
07:00 Moonstruck
09:30 Double Jeopardy
11:30 Body Snatchers

Star Movies
09:45 Race to Witch Mountain
11:30 Disney's The Kid
05:20 Babylon A.D.
07:00 The Proposal
08:55 Creepshow li
10:30 The Haunting in Connecticut
Zee Studio
10:50 Flightplan
01:30 Hope Springs
03:30 The Bong Connection
06:50 Peaceful Warrior
09:30 Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen
11:30 The Firm
Star World
11:30 Lie To Me
01:00 The Simpsons
02:30 Friends
03:30 Best Of Koffee With Karan
09:30 Masterchef Australia
10:30 Lie To Me
11:30 How I Met Your Mother
12:00 The Simpsons

National Geographic
12:30 Don't Tell My Mother
03:30 Big: Ferrari
04:30 Monkey Thieves
06:30 Big: Golden Gate
08:30 Nat Geo Wild
10:30 India: India's Ladyboys
11:30 True Stories
Discovery Channel
12:00 Worst Case Scenario
02:00 Venom Hunter
09:00 Prehistoric
10:00 Man vs. Wild
11:30 Destroyed in Seconds
12:00 A Haunting
BBC World
12:00 BBC World News
02:30 HARDtalk
05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
09:30 HARDtalk
10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
11:45 Sport Today
12:00 World News Today

Talk Show	
ATN BANGLA	ntv
06:20pm Kothamala	12:30am Ei Shomoy
CHANNEL i	Rtv
12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathon	06:30pm Road To Democracy
ETV	Desh TV
10:10pm Galpo Shalpo Gaan	11:45pm Shoja Katha
	Boishakhi TV
	10:45pm Shatkahon
Drama Serial	
ATN Bangla	Dosh
09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala	Rtv
10:55pm Nondini	08:30pm Beauty Parlour
11:30pm Dui Shalik	09:05pm Porshi Bari
Channel i	Boishakhi TV
05:30pm Koushol	08:40pm Mess Member
ntv	09:45pm Aboshyok
08:15pm Manabjomin	09:20pm Shamporko
09:45pm Dhupchhaya	DESH TV
ETV	BANGLAVISION
08:20pm Ek E Shunya	08:15pm Mad Bhai

News Bulletin	9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm	7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
BTV	News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.	ATN BANGLA	ETV
	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am	News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
	2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.	News (English) at: 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.	abc radio
	News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.	News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm	News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am; English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm
	Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).	News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.	
	CHANNEL-i	BANGLAVISION	
	News (Bangla): 7:00 am,	News (Bangla) at 7:30am.	

Good Night Raat Biratey	Double Jeopardy	Shamporko
On Banglavisian at 11:30pm	On HBO at 09:30pm	On Boishakhi TV at 09:20 pm
Genre: Crime/Thriller	Genre: Crime/Thriller	Drama Serial
Street Show	Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd	Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Nuna Afroz
Guest: Chanchal Chowdhury		

RADIO FOORTI	abc radio fm 89.2	RADIO TODAY
07:30 Hello Dhaka	06:00 Bhorer Janalay	07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
10:00 Morning Express	09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney	11:00 Must Unlimited
12:00 My Time	12:00 Darun Dupurey	01:00 Today's Adda
01:00 No Tension	03:00 Duranto Bikeley	04:00 U Turn
04:00 Dhaka Calling	05:00 Shondhatara	08:00 Raat Tai Hok
09:00 Night Rider	09:00 Raat-er Akashay	11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
01:00 Back to Back music	11:00 Golper Shesh Nel	12:00 Today's Happy Moments